

ALEXANDRIA, VA.
THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 31, 1882.

THE PRESENT lot of the Mahoneites is not a happy one. They are of one mind, to be sure, because they have no other mind than the whims of General Mahone, but defection and desertion are apparent in every county in the State, while both the democrats and the Blaine wing of the republican party are advancing upon converging lines to crush them. Fulkerson, Ward, Rhea and Kelley, their leaders in the Southwest last fall, have seen the error of their ways, and are now opposed to them, and Washington county, which gave them seven hundred majority at the last election, will, it is asserted by the local politicians there, and who until recently were followers of the General, give Massey and Fulkerson one thousand majority next November. It is the same way in every county in the 9th district, and the 5th, which adjoints it. Mr. Massey is assured will give him four thousand majority. Intelligence from all other districts in the State is to the effect that what is true of the 9th and 5th is true of them also. The colored Baptist preachers in the State have also proclaimed against Mahone, and the republican State central committee, at the head of which is Gen. Wickham, and which is asserted by those who ought to know, has effected a more perfect State organization than they ever had before, is using all its efforts to accomplish the defeat of Boss rule. The dread that is upon the Mahoneites is so great that the editor their State mouth piece, Mr. Elam, was sent to Abingdon to beg Mr. Fulkerson to hold up, to let things stay as they were, and to say nothing that would provoke more trouble. That he met with poor success is seen by the full report of Mr. Fulkerson's speech in to-day's GAZETTE.

To-morrow being the first of September the oyster will again make its appearance after a legal absence of four months. Now that "the bivalve crustacean aquatic" will soon be with us, preparations are being made on every side to receive him with fitting honors. No longer will the fair maiden sigh for ice cream, but the luscious aroma of the oyster will make her happy. The oyster is one of the most important products of Chesapeake Bay and in many respects the finest that can be had, and strangers who have once had the good luck to eat of our native bivalves ever after appreciate the superior qualities of them. The prospect of the oyster trade for the coming season is excellent, dealers anticipating a large crop and plenty of business. The Chesapeake and Lynnhaven are the best oysters, and promise to be as choice and fine as ever. The oyster-packing trade, it is anticipated will this year be very large. This industry has been making exceedingly rapid strides. Most of the canned goods are shipped to the West, the local consumption in this line being comparatively small. The packing of oysters will not begin on a large scale until the fruit packing has come to an end. While the retail oyster dealers and eating house keepers are busily preparing for the coming September, the wholesale dealers are also busily employed getting ready for the local trade. The oyster dredgers do not begin work until the 14th of October, the time prescribed by law.

It is supposed by many that overconfidence was the cause of the democratic defeat in Virginia last fall; that the democrats, believing the election of Daniel assured, did not avail themselves of all the means at their disposal for bringing out the white voters on the day of election, and that their delinquency in that respect was great contrast to the activity and energy of the Mahoneites, who exhausted their utmost efforts to secure a full negro vote, and that to that delinquency may be justly attributed their defeat and the success of General Mahone. It behooves them therefore to be on their guard against making similar mistake next November. The chances are all in their favor, but nevertheless they should make such arrangements as will preclude the loss of a single democratic vote in any precinct in the State.

The Mahoneites are terribly alarmed at the prospect before them, for they see overwhelming defeat staring them in the face, and they know that defeat next fall means the utter ruin and complete overthrow destruction and annihilation of their entire political organization, and that thereafter it would only exist as an unpleasant memory. They are already demoralized, and all that is needed to make their defeat an irretrievable disaster is that the democrats shall vote as one man, and that every man of them shall vote.

FROM EGYPT.

The British cavalry have pushed on beyond Kassasin, and General Wolseley's whole army is advancing toward Tel-El-Kebir. The Highland brigade has been ordered from Alexandria to reinforce Wolseley, and went on the transports yesterday. An immense train of siege artillery will be prepared at Woolwich and forwarded to Egypt. The behavior of the British cavalry in the engagement at Kassasin is highly praised in the official reports.

Orders have been issued by the Khedive's government prohibiting persons of no fixed occupation or visible means of support from entering Alexandria.

FROM WASHINGTON

[Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 31, 1882.—The republican State committee of Virginia met in Richmond yesterday Gen. Wickham, Mr. Lury, ex-U. S. Attorney for the Western district of Virginia, and many of the oldest, truest and most consistent members of the party being present. All parts of the State were represented, and it is understood that the intelligence that all the members bought was to the same effect, which was that the party was sick and tired of its previous affiliation with the Mahoneites, and was now determined to cut loose from them and support straight republican candidates wherever there was one to vote for, and to nominate one wherever there was any republican vote to be polled. It was generally understood at the meeting that the Blaine influence would be thrown in favor of their movement, and it was the opinion of all present that the only way for the republican party in the State to regain its effectiveness as a political organization was for it to support republican candidates on republican platforms.

From Tennessee it is learned that Casey Young will be the democratic candidate for Congress in the Memphis district, and that he will be elected over Moore, the sealer, who now represents that district. In the Knoxville districts Hook and Rule, two republicans, are running. It is said that either Taylor or Henderson will be nominated by the democrats, and that as the division in the republican party will not unite, the democratic will be elected. One of the most effective opponents of Hook is a son of the late Governor Brownlow, who is a clerk in the Postoffice Department. He denounces Hook with impunity because he has the Postmaster General on his side, and he has him on his side because Hook upon one occasion during the last session of Congress, called at Postmaster-General Howe's office and was so insulting in his behavior that young Howe, who was sitting there, threatened to kick him out if he was not more respectful to his father.

The star route case will, it is thought, now be given to the jury on Wednesday next. Three more arguments are to be made of which two will be by Robt. Ingersoll and Attorney General Brewster. The impression about the verdict is that the jury has been fixed by a portion of the immense swag the plunderers received.

Mrs. Middleton, relic of the late clerk of the supreme Court of the United States, and mother of the well known banker of this city, died here this morning. She was the widow of U. S. Senator Van Dyke of Delaware, when she married Mr. Middleton. This being pay day at the departments, the collectors of the republican assessments were on hand with their little pay or quit notices, and gathered in a large sum from unwilling contributors to the bribery fund. Intelligence was received at the War Office to-day of the arrest of Oklahoma Payne and six of his followers, and their imprisonment at Fort Reno, for invading the Indian Territory. When Payne was here last spring he said he had never rendered himself liable for an infraction of the United States laws and never intended to, but his arrest looks as though he had changed his mind.

Mrs. Krogh, Humphrey and other North Carolina republicans are here to-day for the purpose of obtaining pecuniary assistance from the Hubbell committee for the "liberal" move in their State, but the Leach affair has tended in no small degree to hinder the expenditure of money in Southern districts. It will be recollected that Leach is reported to have spent all the money he got in paying his old bills in this city.

The Washington and Western Railroad Company has obtained control of the Baltimore, Cincinnati and Western Company, and it is stated that arrangements have already been made for the extension of the road to Cincinnati, on a line sixty miles shorter than any other. Notwithstanding the recent reduction of freight and passenger fare on the road it is understood that its profits are fifty per cent in advance of those of last year.

Clifton M. Graves, of Sycamore Station, Pittsylvannia Co., Va., and Matthew J. W. White, of Waverly Station, Sussex county, Va., were commissioned postmasters to-day.

The Washington & Western Railroad Company. We are informed upon good authority, that as soon as some minor matters now in course of adjustment are settled the extension of this road from its present terminus at Round Hill to Winchester will be commenced and actively prosecuted to completion. This is all that is immediately contemplated, but the extension to the coal fields will soon follow as a matter of course.

Since the road has been in the hands of the new company the road has been greatly improved, new rails and ties have been put in wherever needed, and new passenger cars of the most improved modern pattern have been secured, and fine new locomotives are being built for the company. All this speaks well for the good faith and activity of the parties into whose hands the road has fallen, but the most important fact for the people is that the new company has reduced the rates of freight from 25 to 30 per cent, below the charges under the old administration. Shippers are thus enabled to send their produce by rail instead of, as to a large extent they have been doing, shipping by the canal. We are further informed that the result to the company is large increase of profits, and its managers are assured that they can make more money for the company by low than by high rates of shipments. Obviously the best way to break down a monopoly is to encourage a rival enterprise, especially when, as in this case, the rival is so situated as that it cannot be bought.

We learn that a grade of about 106 feet to the mile can be secured through Snicker's Gap, and that no tunnel will be needed for the extension of the road to this point. This is an assurance of the possibility of a speedy construction and when it is an accomplished fact we look forward to such a revival of business and increase of the value of property here as no other circumstance or set of circumstances ever did or will accomplish for us.—Winchester Times.

GREAT ANCESTRAL ESTATES IN ENGLAND, like that of the Marquis of Westminster, whose yearly revenue is itself immense wealth, are the result of centuries of increase in land valuation. The unaccounted millions of the Vanderbilts have all been accumulated within thirty years. Financial kings of Europe, like the Rothschilds, have laboriously acquired through four generations the property they hold. Jay Gould's hundred millions have nearly all been acquired within eighteen years, and tendencies which make possible this difference between Old and New World capitalists exist in undisturbed operation to-day, and have apparently grown powerful enough to cut deep dividing lines in the social plane of the American people.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING that all democrats will support Mr. Massey in preference to Capt. John Wise, and how any readjuster republican can do otherwise after reading Mr. Fulkerson's speech is hard to tell.

NEWS OF THE DAY

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

The Archbishop of Canterbury's illness is very serious.

There were only thirty-one deaths in Richmond last week.

Smallpox is reported in Harford and Dorchester counties, Md.

The coronation of the Czar will not take place before next May.

A hailstorm has done great damage in Hungary, partly demolishing five houses.

A heavy snow storm raged at Leadville night before last and yesterday morning.

The postmaster at Rocky Mount, N. C., has been caught in the act of robbing registered letters.

The Virginia clerks in the departments at Washington are indignant at Mahone's five per cent. assessments, and threaten a revolt.

The Berthier Beet Root Sugar factory, at Montreal, which cost \$300,000, was sold by the sheriff yesterday, for the benefit of creditors, for \$75,000.

There were fifty-two new cases of yellow fever at Brownsville, Texas, yesterday, and three deaths, two of the latter being Mexicans.

It is stated that a greater number of miles of railway have been constructed during August than ever before in a similar period in the history of the country.

On hundred and eleven Russian refugees—fifteen from Philadelphia and the rest from New York—were sent back to Liverpool by the steamship Indiana from Philadelphia yesterday morning.

A new type of fever has appeared among the operatives of the Little Falls, N. Y., knitting mills. Four have died, and twenty-eight are ill with the malady. The physicians have arrived at no satisfactory conclusion.

The large office furniture manufactory, of which J. B. Brew & Co. are proprietors, New York, was partially destroyed by fire yesterday morning, involving a loss on the stock and building estimated at between \$45,000 and \$60,000.

All of the crew and hands employed on the fishing-steamers Grace captured for violation of the fishing laws, at Hampton, have been discharged from custody, and the captain and steamer only are held by the sheriff.

Advices from the frontier claim that the Turkish troops were repulsed by the Greeks on Monday and Tuesday with considerable loss. The Greeks occupy a strong position at Vizia, which is exactly on the new frontier to the north of Zorbas. The Bishop of Platamon, with eighty peasants, has joined the Greeks.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in reply to the suggestion for a weekly call of bonds says that the present method practically results in distributing the payments from day to day. The exchange of the 3 per cents, for the 3s will be suspended from the 20th of September until the 1st of November. The first of the new bonds will be issued early next week.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

MILLDALE, Warren County, Va., August 30th, 1882.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: As a democratic-readjuster, I think I am not mistaken in saying that the democratic vote of the readjuster party of Virginia will be given for John E. Massey for Congressman-at-large and for the nominees of the democratic party in the ensuing fall election, and that Mr. Massey will get a considerable democratic majority over the combined vote of the coalition-republicans, for Captain John S. Wise, and the stalwart radicals, for Dawson.

The conflict of old differences of State politics being ended and having had time to review the situation of the new political departure under our old leaders, we have in Gen. Mahone, supported by the federal radical Administration, and Mr. Massey, sustained by the democracy, two distinguished political leaders, whom it may be said, like the illustrious competitors of Roman fame and honors, have achieved province of State and federal politics, and have brought all contending parties under the dominion of these distinguished chiefs of the readjuster party; but of whom it may be said of General Mahone, as of Pompey in the division of the honors of the Roman empire was achieved by the united arms and services of Caesar and himself.

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